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SENATE RESOLUTION 130  
By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kimberlee Darnell Cager on the occasion of her graduation from Baltimore Community College of Baltimore, Maryland.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding young people of this Great Nation who through dedicated efforts and diligent study demonstrate a remarkable degree of commitment to reach their goals and advance both themselves and society in general; and

WHEREAS, in the natural course of events, there are those individuals who possess the innate ability to be leaders; and

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WHEREAS, Kimberlee Darnell Cager is one such talented young person, who received her Associate of Arts degree in General Studies from the Baltimore Community College of Baltimore, Maryland on June 3, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cager plans to attend Morgan State University in the fall to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, her ultimate goals are to become an attorney and to be a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, **Incorporated**; and

WHEREAS, she plans to marry the stalwart, steadfast, highly dependable, and financially successful Mr. Troy Graham of Jamaica in 2001 or 2002; and

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, brought forth an individual who possesses great "stick-to-it-tive-ness"; and

WHEREAS, Kimberlee was born July 30, 1970 to Gerald and Bertha Cager and is the granddaughter of Gladys Cager and the late Frank Eli Cager; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cager is the eldest daughter of several children, and proudly stands as the supportive and protective sister of: Gerald Cager, Jr., Terri Cager, Kathy Cager, Kendra, Tiera, Darren-Jamal, and Chico Thomas; and

WHEREAS, her extended family includes aunts Joan Dobson, Honey Cager (deceased), and Sharon Cager; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cager is a faithful member of Town Neck Baptist Church, who enjoys exercising to Billy Blank's **Tae Bo** and Richard Simmons' **Get Down The Pounds** videos, walking the entire 15-mile stretch of the Baltimore-Annapolis Bike Trail, and watching her beloved daughter, Lauren play T-ball; and

WHEREAS, Kimberlee Cager performs her many responsibilities as a working single mom with extraordinary ingenuity and decorum; and

WHEREAS, after leaving St. Paul's College of Lawrenceville, Virginia when she became 'with child', Kimberlee struggled to support herself and strategize to still attain her education in spite of the fact that she was about to become a single mother; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cager spent twelve long years attaining her degree, by taking a course here, and a course there, until she finally reached her first educational goal; and

WHEREAS, she overcame the stigma of being a welfare mother, and of being child who was herself reared in an impoverished environment, to become a responsible and devoted parent and law-abiding citizen; and

WHEREAS, despite nay-sayers who predicted that she would invariably fail, Kimberlee bought a brand new powder blue Eagle Talon, and secured non-*Section H* housing for herself in a modest, but chaste, section of Glen Burnie, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cager currently works in administration at the Baltimore Culinary College; and

WHEREAS, Kimberlee's accomplishments and her dedication to the fulfillment of her ambitions are a great source of pride to her family as well as to her friends, Lori Ann Bradford, M.S.P.H., Stacy Hithon of the Department of Labor and Statistics in Washington, D.C., Tammie Jackson of Florida and Monica Wheatley of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Kimberlee Darnell is the perfect example of a person totally committed to friends, family, education, excellence in achievement, and the highest ideals of public service, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we pause to honor and congratulate the incomparable Kimberlee Darnell Cager of Pasadena, Maryland, upon receiving her Associate of Arts degree, and express our confidence that she will reach her many laudable goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish her every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.